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USDRIP / Riverway Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 2009

1. Attendees:

Joe Farace, Carl Stiehl, Matt Schneider, Mark Baker, Diana Perez, Steve Halfaker, Tom Medvitz, Bruce Robertson, Frank Hilliker and Ed Duling.

2. Lakeside Fire Protection District

- The LFPD Site Plan has been resubmitted ahead of schedule and will be reviewed over the next few weeks by DPLU.
- The Project Plan has been approved/accepted by the Redevelopment Agency. This allows for a \$2.7 million disbursement in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement.
- DPLU is considering the LFPD Cooperation Agreement financial restructuring request to change the disbursements in the agreement from 30 years at \$400,000 per year to 20 years at \$550,000 per year. County financial staff is considering this option. DPLU did comment that the information the Fire District has received with regard to the bond rating is optimistic compared to the preliminary feedback DPLU has received.. Mark commented that any restructuring of the Agreement needs to be clear that LFPD is senior (get's money first) for USDRIP financial commitments.
- Bruce asked about public use of the Fire Station building once it is completed. Specifically, it was asked if the public will be able to use the large meeting room. Mark stated that the meeting room will be able to be used by the public as well as the public space in the front of the parcel with the Cedar Fire memorial.
- The possible trail segment located at the front corner of the proposed Fire Station site was discussed. Mark asked if the trail segment is really necessary since it would not connect to any existing trail segments located on the north side of Channel or the north side of Lakeside. DPW and DPLU staff commented that the trail segment may or may not be necessary and to review this portion of the project further with Parks.

3. River Park and San Diego River Conservancy

- The Financing Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency and the SDRC has been executed. There was additional discussion between all parties (DPLU, County Finance, LRPC and SDRC) over the past month. Many factors affected the final agreement including concerns over the state budget situation. Eventually an agreement with \$100,000 disbursements with 80% payback before the next disbursement was agreed upon. Whereas this does mean more paperwork for the River Park and SDRC over time and could mean a possible lag time of 2 or 3 months waiting for payment from the state on the grant, County Staff decided this agreement would be satisfy all parties concerns regarding fiscal situations. Previously, much larger disbursements and different project milestones for performance had been discussed, but it was determined they would be more of a liability than the Redevelopment Agency and the Conservancies could absorb at this point and time. The initial \$100,000 disbursement in accordance with the agreement will be issued to SDRC soon.

4. Ballfields Memorial Status

- Joe Farace advised the group of Board Policy F-49, the board policy with regard to naming parks and other public places as DPLU was advised by Parks. Joe advised that local citizens and groups in Lakeside should draft a letter or letters to be sent through Parks requesting any naming of the ballfields. DPLU staff can assist in providing the necessary contacts at Parks to ensure letters are properly received. Ed commented that other former community leaders of Lakeside should be considered as part of the discussion. Frank commented that if this topic gets too controversial, he's not in favor of pursuing the discussion further.

5. Other - Ed commented that the Lakeside Community Center does not open until 12 noon now and closes in the early evening because of budget cut backs.

6. The Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 19, 2009. Carl mentioned having Devon Muto at the next meeting to discuss the state of DPLU and the General Plan update, and for stakeholder questions/comments, etc. However, Devon has a scheduling conflict and will have to come to a later meeting. Also, Carl mentioned we will follow up with Caltrans to determine their current position on their projects.